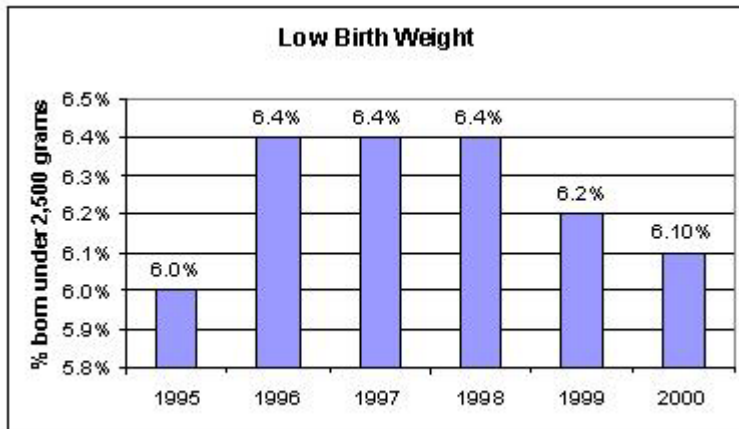
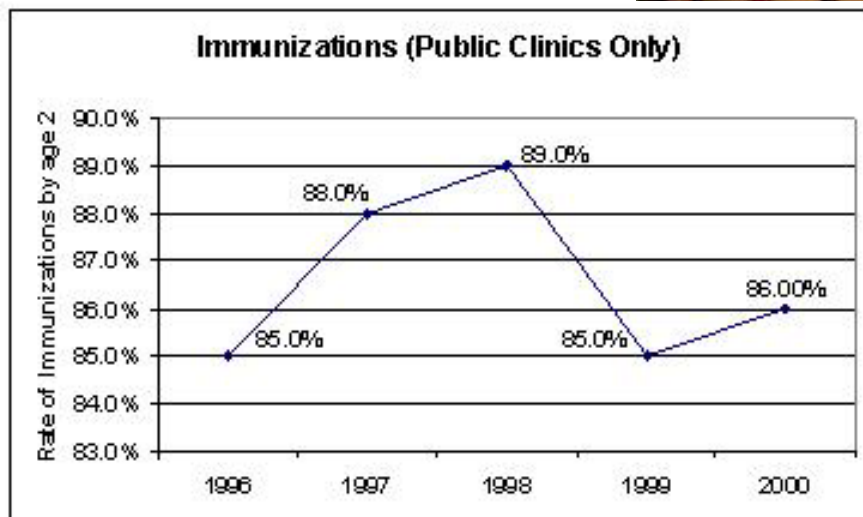


# Healthy Children

To learn and grow at optimal rates, children need to be healthy. Community Empowerment supports a variety of activities to make health services available to pregnant women, infants and young children. Communities have implemented services to identify health and developmental problems early when interventions can be more effective. Home visitation, prenatal care and well baby exams including immunizations and lead screens, and parent education have been expanded through Community Empowerment.



Iowa's statewide prevalence of lead poisoning among children under the age of six years is 12.3%, almost 3 times the national average of 4.4%. Iowa only tests 55% of our children. Lower levels of lead poisoning affect children's intelligence, hearing and growth. Higher levels result in severe brain damage or death.



# Progress Towards Results from Community Empowerment Areas

## Healthy Children

### Hardin County Community Empowerment

#### **Local Identified Need/priority:**

High lead levels in children 0 -6 years old

#### **Goal:**

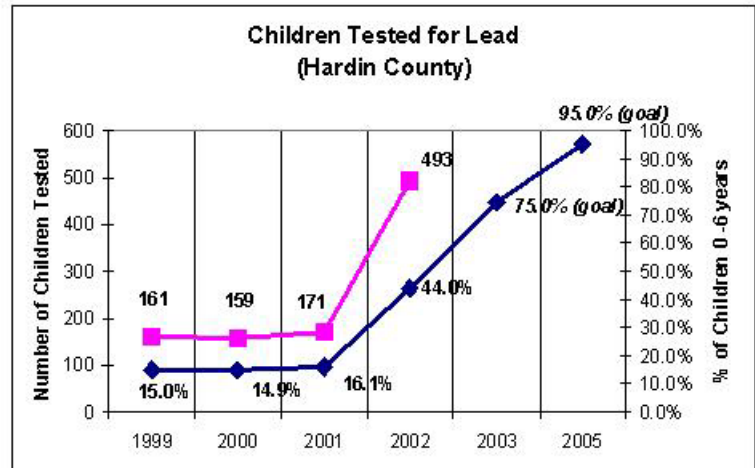
By 2005, 95% of all children 0 -6 will be tested for lead levels.

#### **Local Indicator or Program Performance Measure:**

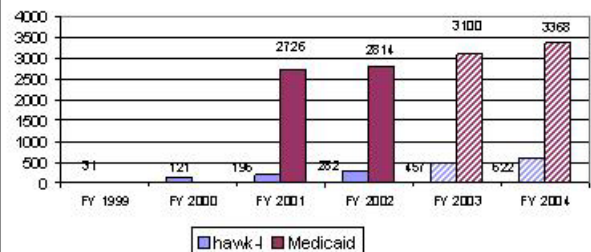
Percent of children, 0 -6 years, tested for lead levels.

#### **Strategy(ies):**

The Greenbelt Home Care Child Health Coordinator worked with ten preschools in the county to conduct lead screens. Both Empowerment and non-Empowerment funded agencies have collaborated to assure that children are screened.



### **Number of Children Enrolled in *hawk-i* and Medicaid (Lee/Van Buren Counties)**



### Marshall County Community Empowerment

**Local Identified Need/priority:** Promote healthy development by linking to a medical provider

**Goal:** 50 children, identified as lead poisoned, will receive treatment

**Local Indicator Program or Performance Measure:** Number of children receiving treatment for lead poisoning.

#### **Strategy(ies):**

Marshall County residents who give birth at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center or at another area hospital are potential recipients of the Building Healthy Families program services. 217 families received on-going home visitation services promoting healthy development by linking to a medical provider. As a result:

- 100 children were provided with lead care coordination services following a positive test for elevated blood lead levels
- The families were provided with education on prevention, treatment, and abatement of lead poisoning
- The risk of developmental delay was reduced for these children

### **Lee/Van Buren Empowerment Area**

#### **Local Identified Need/priority:**

Increase the number of children enrolled in *hawk-i* and Medicaid

#### **Goal:**

To have 622 children in Lee and Van Buren Counties enrolled in the *hawk-i* program by 6/30/03.

To have 3,368 in Lee and Van Buren Counties enrolled in the Medicaid program by 6/30/03.

#### **Local Indicator or Performance Measure:**

Number of children enrolled in hawk-I and Medicaid in Lee and Van Buren Counties

#### **Strategy(ies):**

*hawk-i* outreach through numerous activities such as home